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This application entitled <u>SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT</u> is:

| Attorney Docket No. | 8381/PRGA 0102 PUSP |
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| Inventor(s) or Appln. Identifier | John Eugene Planalp, Suzanne Miranda Kopcha, and Joseph Fernand Deflander |

| | a | _ | A new application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). | |
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| | b | _ | A continuation divisional or continuation-in-part applic § 1.53(b) of prior application Serial No/ filed on | |
| | c. <u>x</u> | _ | A new utility application which claims the benefit of provisional 60/256,817, filed on December 19, 2000. | application Serial No. |
| App | olication el | emen | ts and other attached papers: | · |
| 2. | <u>x</u> | Spe | cification (including Claims and Abstract) | [Total Pages 39_] |
| 3. | <u>x</u> | Dra | wings (informal / _x_ formal) | [Total Sheets 33] |
| 4. | <u>x</u> | Oat | h or Declaration | |
| | a. <u>x</u> | _ | Newly-executed | |
| | b | | Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)) | |
| 5. | | oatl | orporation By Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, for or declaration is supplied under Item 4b, is considered as being part companying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. | |
| 6. | | | s application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior 53(d)(4). | application, 37 C.F.R. |
| | a | | DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional a | pplication: |
| | b | | The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached h | nereto. |
| | | | CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 | |
| tr P | nerein are b ost Office t | eing d o Add | It this UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL and the documents references that the below date with the United States Postal Service in an envelopment ressee" addressed to: B x Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, United, Washington, D.C. 20231 on: | ope as "Express Mail |
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| 7. | Preliminary | Amendment: |
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| a. | | A Preliminary Amendment is attached. |
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| b. | | Cancel in this application original claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. |
| c. | | Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence: |
| | | "This is a continuation |
| | | divisional |
| | | of copending application(s) serial number/ |
| | | filed on" |
| d. | | A Petition to Suspend Prosecution For The Time Necessary to File An Amendment (New Application Filed Concurrently) is attached. |
| Sma | all entity s | status: |
| a. | | Applicant claims small entity status. |
| b. | | Small entity status was claimed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired. |
| c. | | Is no longer desired. |

9. Fee Calculation:

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| TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c)) | 72 | -20 = | 52 | x 18.00 | 936.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)) | 3 | -3 = | | x 80.00 | |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS | (if applica | ble) (37 C. | F.R. §1.16(d)) | 270.00 | |
| | | | BASIC FEE (37 C | .F.R. § 1.16(a))_ | 710.00 |
| . | | | TOTAL OF ABOVE CA | LCULATIONS | 1,646.00 |
| REDUCTION BY 50% FOR FILE | NG BY SM | IALL ENI | TITY (NOTE 37 C.F.R. §§ | 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) | |
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| | | | | TOTAL | 1,646.00 |

- 10. X A check in the amount of \$1,646.00 is enclosed.
- 11. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees (or any deficiency therein) to Deposit Account No. <u>02-3978</u>:
 - a. X Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
 - b. X Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.



| 12. | Mainte | enance of Copendency of Prior Application |
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| | | A request for extension of time and the appropriate fee have been filed in the pending prior application (or are being filed in the prior application concurrently herewith) to extend the period for response until |
| 13. | <u>X</u> | An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is attached, along with the following indicated attachments thereto: |
| | a | x Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet) |
| | b | x Copies of references cited |
| 4. | • | Certified copy of priority document(s) |
| 5. | <u>X</u> | Return Receipt Postcard |
| ō. | | Other: |
| ′ . | | An Assignment of the invention tohaving an address of |
| | a | is attached. |
| | b | was recorded on at Reel, Frame |
| | c. | x Applicant requests that the above assignee information be published with the application. |
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| 8. | The po | ower of attorney in the prior application is to: |
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